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Darko PERVAN

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- ☐ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☒ The fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and the fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are also enclosed.
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application numbers 10/730,131 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on December 9, 2003; 10/768,677 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on February 2, 2004; and 10/708,314 naming Darko Pervan as inventor and filed on February 24, 2004, and the documents cited therein. A copy of each of the applications is enclosed.

☐ In accordance with MPEP § 609 III C(2) (August 2001, page 600-131), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that these copending applications have been considered. By citation to the copending applications,

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confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending applications under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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Examiner Initials	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
	Darko PERVAN, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/730,131 entitled "Floorboards, Flooring Systems and Methods for Manufacturing and Installation Thereof" filed December 9, 2003
	Darko PERVAN, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/768,677 entitled "Mechanical Locking System for Floorboards" filed February 2, 2004
	Darko PERVAN, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/708,314 entitled "Floorboard and Method of Manufacturing Thereof" filed February 24, 2004

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